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In response to the official action of December 1, 2001 with three months to answer ending on March 1, 2001, the Applicant submits the following.

In the claims:

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## In the Claims:

1. (Once amended.) An ultrasonic longitudinal-torsion tissue dissection system comprising an

electrical generator supplying alternating electrical voltage and by connection to

a electro-mechanical transducer excited by the electrical generator, the electro-mechanical transducer [that is] joined mechanically to a